

A circular wreath of various botanical illustrations surrounds a central white circle. The plants include green ferns, red maple leaves, yellow marigolds, purple cornflowers, and large green leaves. A small branch with pink blossoms is on the left. A horizontal line with a small green leaf in the center is positioned below the main title.

HACC Guidance

College Applications



Agenda

Language of Admissions

What you need before you begin

Common Application

Colleges not on Common App

Timelines/Deadlines

Important to Remember



Language of Admissions

Colleges have a language of their own.

There are lots of terms that are used by them that we do not always use in everyday life.

It's important to learn these terms because their meanings will help you apply for the programs you want and make decision making a little less complicated.





What do you need before you begin?

Personal Information, SS#, DOB, Grades, College Names, Major, Parent Info





Terms to Remember

Everything can be Googled but sometimes even the definition needs explaining!



Important Application Terms

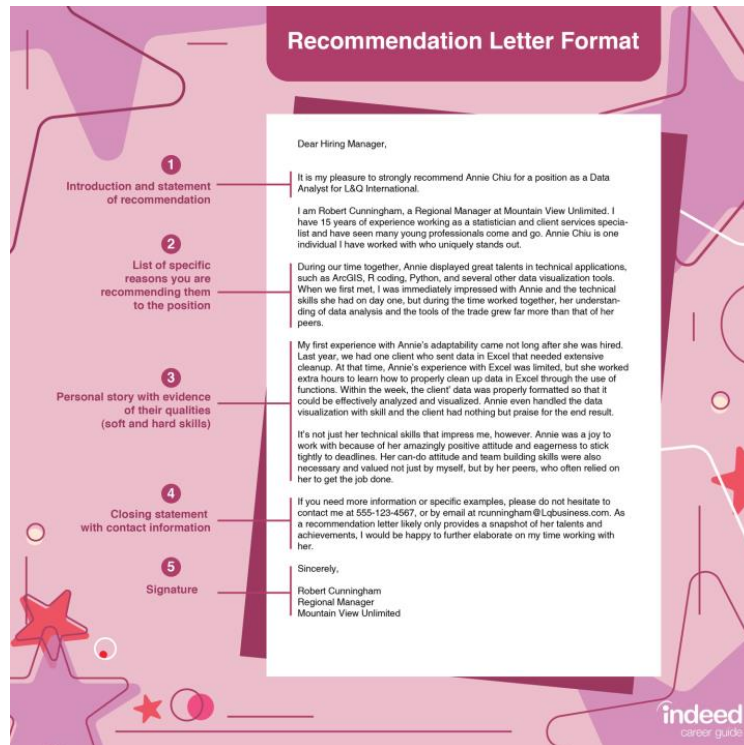
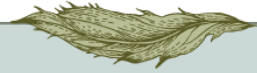
TERM	Meaning
Admissions Testing	A test you take to show the college how well you will do your freshman year
ACT/SAT/Accuplacer	Standardized tests used by colleges for academic placement or admissions
CEEB Code	Unique code used by high schools and colleges for identification
Self-Reporting	Student enters their own grades into application portal
Major/Minor	Subject area you study in school that will lead to a degree in that area
Degree (AS,BS,BA)	Degree earned based on your years of study
Rolling Admissions	There is no deadline for applying to this school or program
Early Action	You are asking for an early response – schools have hard deadlines for this
Early Decision	Is a BINDING contract you make with school stating that you WILL attend their school
Deferred Admissions	After you are accepted you may be allowed to put going to college off for a sem or year
Undergraduate	Any degree earned under 4 years
Priority Date/Deadline	The time limit you have to apply to a school or program – Deadlines are final



“unparalleled,” “one of the best I have worked with,” “incredible,” “fantastic,” “prodigy,” “unrivaled,” “outstanding,” “rising star,” “as good or better than” “amazing.”



Letters of Recommendation



- What's the purpose?
- Do I really need one?
- Who can I ask?
- What do I have to remember?

Information Schools Will Use for Decision



Test Scores

Standardized Tests

- ACT
- SAT

GPA

An average of all your grades 9 to 12th grade

Courses Taken

What kind of classes did you take while in HS. Honors, Academics , Electives. Your shops matter.

Extra Curricular

What do you do after school. Clubs,, sports, jobs, hobbies,

Personal

Your letters of recommendation
Your personal statement

Senior Timeline



College Apps NOT on Common App



Go to their website

- All Colleges have their own websites
- Although different they all contain the same tabs of information.
 - Financial Aid
 - Admissions
 - Undergraduate
 - Majors & their departments
 - General Information about the criteria for general admissions.
 - Contact information

Look for Admission or Apply Now

- The admissions tab is usually where you find the place to apply.
- Some colleges have an “Apply Here” tab along the top of their page.
- Check to see if there is an application fee. Usually we can help you waive the fees. Come see us before you pay anything!

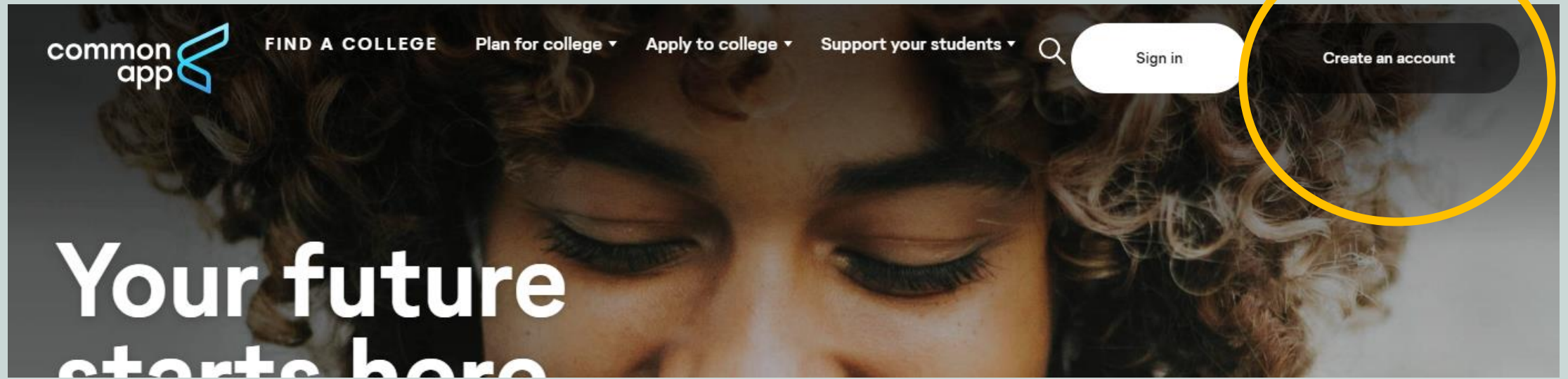
Follow Prompts

- Admissions applications are all very similar
- The start with personal information
- Ask about educational information
- Ask you to select a major or general admission
- Ask for other information needed for the application process.

Common Application



<https://www.commonapp.org/>



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Let's get started!

Welcome to Common App! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

Already have an account? [Go to the login page.](#)

First year student





Start to
create your
Account

Create your account

Account information

Email Address *

Re-type Email Address *

Password *

- ✗ 10-32 characters
- ✗ At least one upper case
- ✗ At least one lower case
- ✗ At least one number
- ✗ At least one special character
- ✓ No space characters

FERPA – Waive or not to Waive?

What does
Waive mean??



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, helps protect the privacy of student education records. The Act provides eligible students the right to inspect and review education records, the right to seek to amend those records and to limit disclosure of information from the records.

**It will allow you to see and review your
recommendation letters
ITS YOUR CHOICE**

What is a FEE WAIVER



You are allowed to waive your fees because you participate in FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

It's a Federal Program that all our students

Qualify for which allows you to receive

Free applications from colleges.

Not all schools do this but most do!

Check - I participate in a federal lunch program

Also check I receive SAT fee waiver

Important Common App Terms

TERM	Meaning
GPA	Your grade average of all your classes since 9 th grade
Weighted/non Weighted	Classes that have extra value added to them so an 100 in one class will equal 101 in another class. OUR GPAs are Weighted
Class Rank	Where you stand in line compared to your classmates. 1 out of 818 – its EXACT
Name Prefix/Suffix	It's the title before your name – Mr., Mrs., Dr. or after Junior, II, III It's personal to you
U Strive	Is a free college mentorship program.
Parent Education	If you don't know you can leave blank or guess
Personal Essay	Writing an essay based on you to let college know a little about you
Early Action	You are asking for an early response – schools have hard deadlines for this
Early Decision	Is a BINDING contract you make with school stating that you WILL attend their school
Deferred Admissions	After you are accepted you may be allowed to put going to college off for a sem or year
Date you entered HASD	September 2020 – If you came in later then put date down and year you entered your previous school. They will need your previous school name
Priority Date/Deadline	The time limit you have to apply to a school or program – Deadlines are final

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